

EXHIBIT A

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

ORDER

MICHAEL LONECKE, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

CITIGROUP PENSION PLAN, Plans Administration Committee of Citigroup, Inc., and Citigroup, Inc.,

Defendants.

RAYMOND DUFFY, Individually and On Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated,

Plaintiff,

- against -

CITIGROUP, INC., The Citigroup Pension Plan, and the Plans Administration Committee of Citigroup, Inc.

Defendants.

05 Civ. 5296

05 Civ. 6026

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ANNE NELSON, ROBERT S. FASH,
and CRAIG A. HARRIS, Individually and : 05 Civ. 7272
on Behalf of All Others Similarly Situated :

Plaintiffs, :

- against - :

THE CITIGROUP PENSION PLAN, and :
THE PLANS ADMINISTRATION :
COMMITTEE OF CITIGROUP, INC., :
as Plan Administrator :
Defendants. :
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SHIRA A. SCHEINDLIN, U.S.D.J.:

I. CONSOLIDATION

On August 23, 2005, counsel for plaintiffs in the above-captioned actions moved to consolidate these three cases. Defendants do not oppose this motion. These actions are hereby consolidated. Any new case filed in or transferred to this Court arising out of the same operative facts shall be consolidated with these actions pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a). Such cases shall be consolidated into the first-filed action, *Lonecke v. Citigroup Pension Plan*, No. 05 Civ. 5296.

Every pleading filed in these actions shall bear the following caption:

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In re CITIGROUP PENSION PLAN : **MASTER FILE: 05 Civ. 5296**
ERISA LITIGATION :
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When a pleading or other court paper filed in these actions is intended to apply to all actions herein, the words "All Actions" shall appear immediately after the words "THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO" in the caption set forth above. When a pleading or other court paper is intended to apply to fewer than all such actions, the filing party shall indicate the action to which the filing relates by including each specific case name and docket number immediately after the words "THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:" in the caption above.

A Master Docket is hereby established for this action, including actions subsequently consolidated herein pursuant to this Order. When a pleading is filed and the caption shows that it is applicable to "All Actions," the Clerk shall file such pleading in the Master File and note such filing in the Master Docket. No further copies need be filed or other docket entries made. When a paper is filed and the caption shows that it is applicable to fewer than All Actions, the

Clerk shall file the original of the paper in the Master File and a copy in the file of each separate action to which it applies and shall note such filing in the Master Docket and in the docket of each separate action. The party filing such paper shall supply the Clerk with sufficient copies of any such paper to permit compliance with this paragraph.

A Master File is hereby established for these proceedings. The Master File shall be No. 05 Civ. 5296. The original of this Order shall be filed by the Clerk in the Master File. The Clerk shall maintain a separate file for each of the subsequently filed actions and filings shall be made in accordance with the regular procedures of the Clerk, except as modified by this Order. The Clerk shall file a copy of this Order in each such separate file. The Clerk shall mail a copy of this Order to counsel of record in each of the subsequently filed actions.

When a case that arises out of the same operative facts as these actions is filed in or transferred to this Court, it shall be consolidated with these actions as described above, and the Clerk shall: (1) file a copy of this Order in the separate file for such action; (2) mail a copy of this Order to the counsel of record in such action; and (3) make the appropriate entry in the Master Docket. The Court requests the assistance of counsel in calling to the attention of the Clerk the filing or transfer of any case that might properly be consolidated as part of this

litigation.

This Order shall apply to each class action assigned to the undersigned alleging claims similar to those set forth in these actions and brought on behalf of participants in or beneficiaries of the Plan. This Order shall apply to each such case which is subsequently filed in or transferred to this Court, and which is assigned to the undersigned, unless a party objecting to the consolidation of that case or to any other provision of this Order serves an application for relief from this Order or from any of its provisions within ten days after the date on which the Clerk mails a copy of this Order to counsel for that party. The provisions of this Order shall apply to such action pending the Court's ruling on the application.

Unless a plaintiff in a subsequently filed or transferred case is permitted by the Court to use a separate complaint, defendants shall not be required to answer, plead or otherwise move with respect to that complaint. If a plaintiff in any such case is permitted to use a separate complaint, each defendant shall have thirty days from the date the Court grants such permission within which to answer, plead or otherwise move with respect to that complaint.

Plaintiffs' counsel shall file a Consolidated Complaint within fourteen days of the date of this Order, unless otherwise agreed by the parties. The

Consolidated Complaint, subject to further amendment following discovery, shall be the operative complaint and shall supersede all complaints filed in any of the actions consolidated herein. Pending filing and service of the Consolidated Complaint, defendants shall have no obligation to move, answer, or otherwise respond to any of the complaints in the actions consolidated herein or any actions subsequently consolidated with them. Unless otherwise agreed by the parties and approved by the Court, Defendants shall answer or otherwise respond to the Consolidated Complaint within forty-five days of the date the Consolidated Complaint is served on them.

II. APPOINTMENT OF LEAD COUNSEL

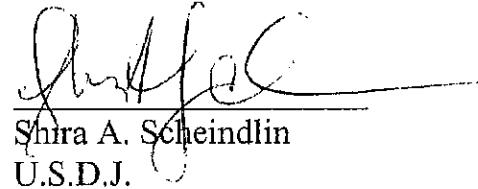
The plaintiffs' motion for consolidation also includes a motion to appoint co-lead counsel. Plaintiffs' Memorandum of Law contemplates that all the named plaintiffs will be represented by co-lead counsel.¹ There being no opposition, plaintiffs' counsel are appointed as co-lead counsel as outlined in their Memorandum of Law, subject to future objections.² An initial conference for this

¹ See Plaintiffs' [Proposed] Case Management Order at 2 (proposed caption for consolidated case lists as plaintiffs "Anne E. Nelson, Robert S. Fash, Craig A. Harris, Michael Lonecke, and Raymond Duffy, individually and on behalf of all others similarly situated.").

² See Memorandum of Law in Support of Plaintiffs' Motion to Consolidate Citigroup Cash Balance ERISA Cases and for Entry of the Case

consolidated action will be held on September 26, 2005 at 4:30 p.m.³

SO ORDERED:



Shira A. Scheindlin
U.S.D.J.

Dated: New York, New York
September 6, 2005

Management Order at 5-6 (outlining the responsibilities of proposed lead counsel).

³ This conference replaces the currently-scheduled conference for *Duffy v. Citigroup, Inc.* at the same date and time.

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